

Thank God for Hip-Hop Film Festival

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As the 'Thank God For Hip-Hop Film Festival' approaches, the Chicago Local Organizing Committee for the 2006 National Hip-Hop Political Convention is seeking submissions of features, feature shorts, documentaries, music videos, PSAs, and trailers to screen Nov. 17-20 for the noncompetitive Thank God For Hip-Hop Film Festival at Kennedy-King College, 6800 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago.

Thank God For Hip-Hop Film Festival will celebrate the blessings of hip-hop's creative power to effect community-building change. Selected films—which will be the basis for Q&As, panel discussions, workshops, demonstrations of hip-hop beaux arts—must be submitted in DVD or VHS tape format and must pertain to the core themes of education, economic justice, human rights, health care, and media justice. No other format will be considered. Only final cuts, fine cuts, and very advanced rough cuts for films will be considered.

Inquires for volunteer festival staff opportunities, including those for program coordinators, production assistants, visual artists inspired by hip-hop, breakers and pop lockers, mic-controllers, spoken word poets, DJs, turntablists, actors, and panelists also welcome. No monetary compensation, but sponsor gifts and negotiable internship and apprenticeship opportunities, and community service credit available for volunteer positions.

Audience surveying and promotions for films not fitting the festival's minimum criteria, as well as slots for a film school expo, available on a fee basis. For an entry form, to volunteer as film festival staff or for other information and inquires, contact: MARKARMYSTRONG62@aol.com or Black United Fund of Illinois (Chicago) at 773.324.0494.

Or write Thank God For Hip-Hop Film Festival, c/o Chicago LOC, 2006 National Hip-Hop Political Convention, Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies, Northeastern Illinois University, 700 E. Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, IL 60653-2312.